



ABC Update December 2014

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Gifting: 'Tis the season for food, merriment, and gift giving

During the season of giving it is easy to want to offer your customers a little extra to show your appreciation for their patronage throughout the year. But, please remember this holiday season that pursuant to KRS 244.050 it is illegal for any "retail licensee to give away any alcoholic beverage in any quantity or deliver it in any quantity for less than full monetary consideration". This statute also prohibits a licensee from offering or advertising a coupon or its equivalent (such as Groupon or Social Living) for free or discounted alcoholic beverages. An alcohol purchase cannot be used to accumulate points on a loyalty or rewards card, nor may a loyalty or rewards card be used to obtain a free or discounted alcoholic beverage. The only exception to this is when a business donates alcohol for a bona fide charity event with a Temporary Auction license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (See KRS 243.036).

S.T.A.R. Weather Policy

As we head into the winter weather season, the potential for inclement weather becomes a real possibility. Therefore, weather conditions may dictate class cancellations because of slick/hazardous road conditions in the region. S.T.A.R. daytime classes will be called off if the local county school district cancels school for that specific day due to wintry conditions. For example, any day class scheduled in Lexington will be cancelled if Fayette County schools are closed that day due to inclement weather.



For evening classes, you may contact the ABC Education Branch by calling 502-564-4850 between the hours of 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm on the scheduled class day.



Mandate Reminders

Are you in an area where training is mandated? If so, make sure you or your employees have server training certification and if so, that it is not expired. You can see what areas in Kentucky have mandated training by visiting our website, www.abc.ky.gov and navigating to the education page.

Remember that S.T.A.R. certifications are valid for three years. It may be time to get recertified. Call our office for more details and to register.

Private S.T.A.R. Classes

Private classes allow employers the ability to train all of their employees at one time simplifying the training process. These trainings are held at the business location for the convenience of employees. In order to schedule a private S.T.A.R. training you will need to:

- Submit the private S.T.A.R. training request form at least 3 weeks before you would like to hold the class
- Give 3 preferred dates and times to hold your training. Trainings are conducted 7 days a week as early as 7 am and as late as 7 pm. The training is 4 hours in duration with a thirty (30) question test, so plan accordingly.
- The training must be held either when the business is closed or in a separate closed-off room at the location. If neither is available, the business will be responsible for obtaining a training facility.

Once the private S.T.A.R. training request form is received, an instructor will be assigned and the date will be confirmed within three (3) business days. You will be sent a private S.T.A.R. training agreement which you are to sign and return to our office.

There is a \$525.00 deposit for a private S.T.A.R. training. This deposit pays for the first 15 people to attend. If space allows, we can train up to 30 individuals per training. An invoice will be sent after the training is held for any over the 15 that have been paid for in the deposit. The cost is \$35.00 per person. The deposit must be received with the private training agreement at least one week prior to scheduled class. To schedule your private S.T.A.R. training, contact our office or visit our website.

*Happy Holidays from the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic
Beverage Control!*

Class Schedule for December

Date	Time	City	County	Location
12/01/2014	9:00AM	La Grange	Oldham	Fiscal Court Building
12/01/2014	9:00AM	Hardinsburg	Breckinridge	Community Center
12/02/2014	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
12/08/2014	5:00PM	Frankfort	Franklin	Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control
12/08/2014	5:00PM	Owensboro	Daviess	Cigar Factory Mall
12/09/2014	9:00AM	Mount Sterling	Montgomery	Health and Civic Center
12/09/2014	9:00AM	Paducah	McCracken	City Hall
12/15/2014	6:00PM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
12/15/2014	9:00AM	Prestonsburg	Floyd	Jenny Wiley SRP
12/15/2014	9:00AM	Hopkinsville	Christian	Hampton Inn
12/16/2014	9:00AM	Corbin	Whitley	City Hall-Corbin
12/20/2014	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton

2015 S.T.A.R. class dates will be available on our website soon. Visit www.abc.ky.gov.